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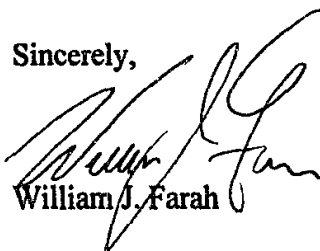
Re: MUR 4880

Dear Mr. Turley:

This letter is in response to the document submitted by Mr. R.M. "Cook" Barela in connection with MUR 4816 on February 6, 1999. Mr. Barela's submission actually is a response to a complaint filed against him by a political opponent. He is attempting to convert his response into a simultaneous complaint against various individuals and organizations he imagines are part of an international conspiracy. However, his submission fails to identify any conduct or activity by the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee that violates the Federal Election Campaign Act, or any other law for that matter. It consists of a litany of ill-conceived conspiracy theories and false and unsubstantiated accusations that are highly offensive to American-Arabs.

Mr. Barela's submission fails to meet the fundamental legal requirements for a valid complaint, and, indeed, falls so far short in this regard that it is frivolous and an abuse of the administrative process.

Sincerely,


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The above-named individual is hereby designated as my counsel and is authorized to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission and to act on my behalf before the Commission.

February 18, 1999

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